

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1-16. (Cancelled).

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) A method for detecting an antibody, wherein an examination of a disease caused by Borna disease virus (BDV) is conducted, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a support sensitized with a p10 BDV antigen polypeptide and a p24 BVD antigen polypeptide;
- (b) reacting the p10 and p24 BDV antigen polypeptide polypeptides on the support with an anti-BDV antibody in a sample from a living body; and
- (c) detecting both an IgM antibody and an IgG antibody in the reacted anti-BDV antibody.

Claims 18-19. (Cancelled).

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim ~~18~~17, wherein the p24 antigen polypeptide ~~from the p24 region~~ has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 or 2.

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim ~~18~~24, wherein the antigen polypeptide from the p40 region has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or 4.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim ~~18~~17, wherein the p10 antigen

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polypeptide ~~from the p10 region~~ has an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:5, 6, 7 or 8.

Claim 23. (Cancelled).

Claim 24. (New) A method for detecting an antibody, wherein an examination of a disease caused by Borna disease virus (BVD) is conducted, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a support sensitized with a p10 BVD antigen polypeptide and a p40 BVD antigen polypeptide;
- (b) reacting the p10 and p40 BVD antigen polypeptide on the support with an anti-BVD antibody in a sample from a living body; and
- (c) detecting both an IgM antibody and IgG antibody in the reacted anti-BVD antibody.

Claim 25. (New) The method for detecting an antibody according to claim 24, wherein the p10 antigen polypeptide has an amino acid sequence set out in SEQ ID NO:5, 6, 7 or 8.

Claim 26. (New) A method for detecting an antibody, wherein an examination of a disease caused by Borna disease virus (BVD) is conducted, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a support sensitized with a p10 BVD antigen polypeptide, a p24 BVD antigen polypeptide and a p40 BVD antigen polypeptide;
- (b) reacting the p10, p24 and p40 BVD antigen polypeptides on the support with an anti-BVD antibody in a sample from a living body; and
- (c) detecting both an IgM antibody and IgG antibody in the reacted anti-BVD antibody.